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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 February 2010.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-48 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) 18-48 is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 23 March 2006 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Applicant's election without traverse of claims 1-17 in the reply filed on 12 February 2010 is acknowledged.

Specification

2. The title of the invention is not descriptive. A new title is required that is clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. **Claims 1-5, 8, and 10-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hamagishi et al. (US 5,751,479) in view of Ichikawa (US 6,466,285).**

5. Regarding claim 1, Hamagishi discloses a multi-view display configured to display two or more views directed to two or more respective viewing zones (right, left), comprising (see figure 10, for instance): a display panel (20), comprising a plurality of imaging units (20R,G,B), and a plurality of color filters (30R,G,B), wherein each of said color filters is associated with one of said imaging units, the color filters (30) being arranged according to a first pitch and in a first sequence of colors; and a barrier (3) including a plurality of color portions (3R,G,B) comprising color filter material, the color

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portions being arranged according to a second pitch that is a little larger than twice the first pitch and in a second sequence of colors that corresponds to the first sequence of colors when reversed in order (see figure 10), wherein the barrier (3) is positioned so that light (from an external source) exits the display panel (20) after passing through one of the color portions and one of said color filters and the color portions of the barrier (3) are configured to cooperate with the color filters to selectively direct said light passing to the first and second viewing zones (see figure 10). However, Hamagishi does not expressly disclose wherein a second pitch that is substantially equal to twice the first pitch.

6. Regarding claim 1, Ichikawa discloses a multi-view display configured to display two or more views directed to two or more respective viewing zones (right, left), comprising (see figure 12A-C, for instance): a display panel (25), comprising a plurality of imaging units (26), and a plurality of color filters (R,G,B), and a barrier (22) including a plurality of color portions (R,G,B), the color portions being arranged according to a second pitch that is substantially equal to twice the first pitch (see column 12, lines 63-67).

7. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use the pitch lengths of the color portions of Ichikawa in the display of Hamagishi. The motivation for doing so would have been to obviate deterioration of brightness and chromaticity, as taught by Ichikawa (column 3, lines 51-56). Claim 1 is therefore unpatentable.

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8. Regarding claim 2, Hamagishi in view of Ichikawa discloses a multi-view display according to claim 1 (see Hamagishi figure 10, Ichikawa figures 12A-C, for instance), arranged so that said light (from an external source) passes through one of said color filters (3) before passing through said one color portion (30). Claim 2 is therefore unpatentable.

9. Regarding claim 3, Hamagishi in view of Ichikawa discloses a multi-view display according to claim 1 (see Hamagishi figure 10, Ichikawa figures 12A-C, for instance), arranged so that said light passes through said one color portion (30) before passing through one of said color filters (3). Claim 3 is therefore unpatentable.

10. Regarding claim 4, Hamagishi in view of Ichikawa discloses a multi-view display according to claim 1 (see Hamagishi figure 10, Ichikawa figures 12A-C, for instance), wherein the color filter material of the color portions (30) is a cholesteric filter material. Claim 4 is therefore unpatentable.

11. Regarding claim 5, Hamagishi in view of Ichikawa discloses a multi-view display according to claim 1 (see Hamagishi figure 10, Ichikawa figures 12A-C, for instance), comprising a light source (2) arranged to illuminate the imaging units (20R,G,B) of the display panel (20). Claim 5 is therefore unpatentable.

12. Regarding claim 8, Hamagishi in view of Ichikawa discloses a multi-view display according to claim 1 (see Hamagishi figure 10, Ichikawa figures 12A-C, for instance), wherein the plurality of color filters (30R,G,B) are separated from one another by a black matrix (column 9, lines 1-4). Claim 8 is therefore unpatentable.

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13. Regarding claim 10, Hamagishi in view of Ichikawa discloses a multi-view display according to claim 1 (see Hamagishi figure 10, Ichikawa figures 12A-C, for instance), wherein the color portions (3) of the barrier (3) and the color filters (30) are aligned so that the light exiting the display panel (20) produces viewing zones (see figure 10) that are asymmetrically arranged. Claim 10 is therefore unpatentable.

14. Regarding claim 11, Hamagishi in view of Ichikawa discloses a multi-view display according to claim 1 (see Hamagishi figure 10, Ichikawa figures 12A-C, for instance), and Ichikawa further discloses wherein said light source comprises a plurality of light emitting diodes (LED), wherein at least two of said light emitting diodes are configured to emit light of first and second colors respectively (column 9, lines 36-45). Claim 11 is therefore unpatentable.

15. Regarding claim 12, Hamagishi in view of Ichikawa discloses a multi-view display according to claim 1 (see Hamagishi figure 10, Ichikawa figures 12A-C, for instance), wherein said imaging units (20) are light emissive devices. Claim 12 is therefore unpatentable.

16. Regarding claim 13, Hamagishi in view of Ichikawa discloses a multi-view display according to claim 1 (see Hamagishi figure 10, Ichikawa figures 12A-C, for instance), and Ichikawa discloses audio output means arranged to output audio signals corresponding to the information displayed in one or more of said viewing zones (column 8, lines 65-67). Claim 13 is therefore unpatentable.

17. Regarding claim 14, Hamagishi in view of Ichikawa discloses a multi-view display according to claims 1 and 13 (see Hamagishi figure 10, Ichikawa figures 12A-C, for

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instance), and Ichikawa further discloses the display arranged to display information in an automotive vehicle (column 9, lines 60-61). Claim 14 is therefore unpatentable.

18. Regarding claim 15, Hamagishi in view of Ichikawa discloses a multi-view display according to claims 1, 13, and 14 (see Hamagishi figure 10, Ichikawa figures 12A-C, for instance), to display different information in different ones of said viewing zones (left, right). Claim 15 is therefore unpatentable.

19. Claims 6-7 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hamagishi et al. (US 5,751,479) in view of Ichikawa (US 6,466,285) as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Moon et al. (US 6,597,418).

20. Regarding claims 6-7 and 9, Hamagishi in view of Ichikawa discloses a multi-view display according to claim 1 (see Hamagishi figure 10, Ichikawa figures 12A-C, for instance). However, Hamagishi in view of Ichikawa does not expressly disclose wherein the barrier is spaced from the color filters by a separation interval that is less than $p/0.0781$, where p is the first pitch, wherein the color portions of said barrier are separated from one another by a black matrix, or wherein the barrier is spaced from the color filters by a separation interval that is less than 0.35 mm.

21. Regarding claims 6-7 and 9, Moon discloses a multi-view display (see figure 6, for instance) wherein the barrier (46b) is spaced from the color filters (46a) by a separation interval that is less than $p/0.0781$ (since they are directly contacted), where p is the first pitch, wherein the color portions of said barrier are separated from one another by a black matrix (44), and wherein the barrier (46b) is spaced from the color

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filters (46a) by a separation interval that is less than 0.35 mm (since they are directly contacted).

22. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use the separation intervals and black matrix of Moon in the display of Hamagishi. The motivation for doing so would have been to improve light efficiency, as taught by Moon (column 2, lines 28-30). Claims 6-7 and 9 are therefore unpatentable.

23. Claims 16-17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hamagishi et al. (US 5,751,479) in view of Ichikawa (US 6,466,285) as applied to claims 2-3 above, and further in view of Yoon et al. (US 2004/0032556).

24. Regarding claims 16-17, Hamagishi in view of Ichikawa discloses a method of manufacturing a multi-view display according to claims 2 and 3 (see Hamagishi figure 10, Ichikawa figures 12A-C, for instance). However, Hamagishi in view of Ichikawa does not expressly disclose steps comprising: providing said plurality of color portions on a light transmissive substrate; placing a sheet of light transmissive material over said plurality of color portions; and providing the plurality of color of the display panel on said sheet of light transmissive material, or a step comprising: providing said plurality of color portions on a light transmissive substrate; placing a sheet of light transmissive material over said plurality of color portions; and providing means configured to control said imaging units on said sheet of light transmissive material.

25. Regarding claims 16-17, Yoon discloses a method of manufacturing a multi-view display according to claims 2 and 3 (see figure 4, for instance) comprising: providing

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said plurality of color portions (116) on a light transmissive substrate (112); placing a sheet of light transmissive material (118) over said plurality of color portions; and providing the plurality of color filters (120) of the display panel (150) on said sheet of light transmissive material (118), and a step comprising: providing said plurality of color portions (116) on a light transmissive substrate (112); placing a sheet of light transmissive material (118) over said plurality of color portions; and providing means configured to control said imaging units ([0045]) on said sheet of light transmissive material (118).

26. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use the light transmissive materials and structure of color portions of Yoon in the display of Hamagishi. The motivation for doing so would have been to improve brightness and color display, as taught by Yoon ([0024]). Claims 16-17 are therefore unpatentable.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to NATHANAEL R. BRIGGS whose telephone number is (571)272-8992. The examiner can normally be reached on 9 AM - 5:30 PM Monday through Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Nelms can be reached on (571) 272-1787. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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/Nathanael R Briggs/
Examiner, Art Unit 2871
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